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St. James's, Auguſt 23.

THIS Day being appointed by Her Majeſty's Proclamation to be obſerved throughout this Kingdom as a Day of Publick Thankſgiving to Almighty God, for his great Goodneſs in giving to Her Majeſty's Arms, in Conjunction with thoſe of Her Allies, under the Command of his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough*, after their having forced the *French* Lines in the *Spaniſh Netherlands*, a Signal and Glorious Victory over the Enemy's Forces within thoſe Lines; Her Majeſty went to the Cathedral Church of *St. Paul's* with great Solemnity, to return Thanks to God for theſe his Signal Mercies and Bleſſings.

Moſt of the Lords and Privy-Councellors that were in and about the Town met between 9 and 10 in the Morning in the Council-Chamber at *St. James's*, the Knights of the moſt Noble Order of the *Garter* wearing the Collars of the ſaid Order; and having been Marſhalled by the Officers of Arms, proceeded about 11 a Clock in their Coaches with Six Horſes each towards St. *Paul's*.

Her Majeſty came afterwards attended in the following manner: Firſt the Knight-Marſhal with his Men on Horſeback; then the Equeries and Gentlemen Uſhers to his Royal Highneſs in his Leading Coach: One *Equery*, the Pages of Honour, and the Gentleman Uſher in waiting, in Her Majeſty's Leading Coach: In another of Her Majeſty's Coaches, the Women of the Bed-Chamber to Her Majeſty: In another, the Maids of Honour: His Royal Highneſs's Body Coach, with the Lord *La War* Grome of the Stole to his Royal Highneſs, and the Lords of his Bed-Chamber: Three Ladies of Her Majeſty's Bed-Chamber, *viz.* the Dutcheſſes of *Somerſet* and *Ormond*, and the Marchioneſs of *Hartington*, in the Travelling Body Coach: The Duke of *Somerſet* Maſter of the Horſe, with the Earl of *Arran* the Captain of the Guards in waiting, in one of Her Majeſty's Chariots; each drawn by Six Horſes: A Detachment of the Horſe Granadiers: Her Majeſty's and his Royal Highneſs's Footmen: After them the Yeomen of the Guard on Foot, ſome before, and ſome on each ſide of Her Majeſty's Coach: Then Her Majeſty, with his Royal Highneſs, the Dutcheſs of *Marlborough* Groom of the Stole, and the Counteſs of *Sunderland*, being the Lady of the Bed-Chamber in waiting, in the Coach of State drawn by Eight Horſes. Her Majeſty's Second Troop of Horſe-Guards cloſed the Proceſſion.

The Streets through which Her Majeſty paſſed were lined from *St. James's* as far as *Temple-Bar* by the Militia of *Weſtminſter*; from thence to St. *Paul's* they were railed and hung with blue Cloth, the City Trained-Bands lining both ſides; and upon Scaffolds erected for that purpoſe were placed the ſeveral Companies in their Gowns, with their reſpective Flags, Streamers and Muſick. A Battalion of each of Her Majeſty's Regiments of Foot-Guards made a Lane from the Weſt Entrance into the Church to the Door of the Choir. The Balconies and the Windows of the Houſes were hung with Carpets and rich Tapeſtry, and crowded with great Numbers of Spectators.

At *Temple-Bar* Her Majeſty was met by the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Sheriffs, in their Scarlet Gowns, being all on Horſeback. The Lord Mayor alighted, made a ſhort Speech to Her Majeſty, and ſurrendred to Her the City Sword, which She was pleaſed to return to him; and he carried it before Her Majeſty to the Church, the Aldermen and Sheriffs riding before him.

Her Majeſty being come to St. *Paul's*, was met at the Weſt Door, at Her alighting out of the Coach, by the Great Officers of State, the Nobility and Privy-Councellors, who from thence proceeded to the Choir in the following Order: Firſt the Officers of Arms; then the Privy-Councellors who are not Peers, Two and Two; the Peers Temporal and Spiritual, Two and Two; *Norroy* and *Clarenceux* Kings of Arms; the Great Officers of State; and Lord Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*; the Serjeants at Arms with their Maces, and *Garter* King of Arms; and a Gentleman Uſher: The Duke of *Ormond* with the Sword of State. Her Majeſty was led by his Royal Highneſs, and was followed by the Dutcheſs of *Marlborough* and the Counteſs of *Sunderland*; the Earl of *Kent* Lord Chamberlain of Her Majeſty's Houſhold, and the Rt. Hon. the Vice-Chamberlain, attending near Her Majeſty's Perſon. The Earl of *Arran* Captain of the Guard, and the Duke of *St. Albans* at the Head of the Band of Gentlemen Penſioners, cloſed the Proceſſion.

Her Majeſty and his Royal Highneſs being entred into the Choir, ſeated Themſelves in Two Armed-Chairs on a Throne erected at the Weſt End thereof, oppoſite to the Altar: Behind Her Majeſty were Stools for Two of the Ladies of the Bed-Chamber, and the Great Officers in waiting attending Her Majeſty and his Royal Highneſs. The Peers and Privy-Councellors were placed on the North Side of the Choir; the Ladies of the Bed-Chamber in the Stalls on the South Side; and the Maids of Honour and Her Majeſty's Bed-Chamber Women below them: The Peereſſes were placed at the Weſt End of the middle Gallery; and the Foreign Miniſters with their Ladies filled the Places prepared for them in the middle Gallery, on the ſame ſide with the Peers. At the Eaſt End of that Gallery were ſeated the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Sheriffs Ladies; and at the Eaſt End of the South Side the Lord Mayor and Aldermen. The reſt of the Galleries were filled by the Ladies and other Perſons of Quality that attended at this Solemnity. The Dean and Prebendaries ſat within the Rails of the Altar, except ſuch as Officiated in Reading Prayers. The Reverend Dr. *Willis*, Dean of *Lincoln*, Preached. The Hymn, *Te Deum*, with other Anthems, were admirably well performed by Her Majeſty's Choir and Muſick.

Divine Service being ended, Her Majeſty and his Royal Highneſs returned to *St. James's* in the ſame Order and State that they came. The great Guns of the Tower, thoſe upon the River, and the Train in *St. James's* Park, were thrice diſcharged, the firſt time when Her Majeſty took Coach at *St. James's*, the ſecond at the Singing of *Te Deum*, and the third when Her Majeſty came back to Her Palace.

In the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter* there were Bonfires, Illuminations, Ringing of Bells, and all other Demonſtrations of Loyalty and Affection to Her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and of the publick Joy upon ſo great an Occaſion.

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